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Title: **ENCRYPTION KEY DISTRIBUTION AND NETWORK REGISTRATION SYSTEM, APPARATUS AND METHOD****ATTORNEY'S REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.36, and MPEP Section 402.06, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorneys be allowed to withdraw from the above-identified application.

An extension is believed unnecessary in view of the notice in the Official Gazette of January 12, 1988, 1086 OG 457, but if an extension is necessary to effect the 30 days required by MPEP Section 402.06, charge to our above Account/Order Nos. the required fee for any such necessary extension for which petition is hereby made.

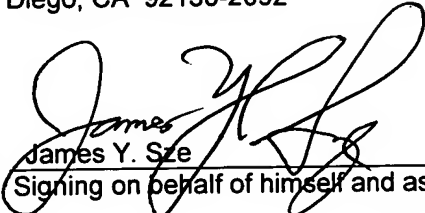
- ☒ Our client has been notified of this withdrawal.
- ☒ Copy of this Request has been served on our client this date by ☐ fax ☒ first class mail
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☐ Unchanged; ☒ as follows: 3550 General Atomics Court, San Diego, California 92121
- ☒ The reason for withdrawal is as follows (see 37 CFR 10.40(c)): Petitioner's client has transferred responsibility to Scott J. Menghini of Fitch, Even Tabin & Flannery, 9276 Scranton Road, Suite 250, San Diego, California 92121.

☒ Each applicant/inventor has been notified of this withdrawal at that address.

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